

Building Partnerships

2006 Census Test

Your help is essential

The 2006 Census Test is a trial of new procedures that will modernize data collection for the 2010 Census. With the help of your community, we can design an accurate and cost-effective census.

During the 2006 Census Test, every residence within the boundaries of the Cheyenne River Reservation will be visited by a census worker.

Local and tribal governments, community organizations, businesses, and the media can all help spread the word about the 2006 Census Test and encourage everyone to participate.



What are we reviewing?

- Methods to improve data collection efforts on reservations.
- The use of Global Positioning Systems-guided handheld computers.
- Communication and interaction with local and tribal governments.

For more information, visit our Web site
www.census.gov

To find out more about census activities and promotions in your community, contact the census office for your area.

Eagle Butte

Tel: 605-964-1990 or
Toll-free: 877-744-1522

What you can do

Local and tribal governments and community organizations can:

- Recruit census workers.
- Display and distribute census materials.
- Provide space for testing and training census employees.

Businesses can:

- Display and distribute census materials.
- Sponsor community events to promote the 2006 Census Test.

Media can:

- Publish stories about the 2006 Census Test.
- Donate space for public service announcements.

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Help Recruit Census Workers

Qualified applicants can earn money by working for approximately 5 to 10 weeks in mid-2005 and in early 2006.

The Census Bureau will need qualified applicants to fill several positions, but the largest number of positions are as census takers.

Census jobs pay competitive wages in your area. Census workers are reimbursed for authorized expenses such as mileage and will be paid to attend job training.



Timeline of Census Activities

March 2005	Cheyenne River Census Field Office opens in Eagle Butte.
July-August 2005	Census workers, using data from handheld computers, will travel throughout the reservation to identify every residence.
March-May 2006	Census workers will visit every housing unit within the reservation boundaries to conduct the census.

It's Important

Census numbers are used:

- To apportion seats in Congress.
- By governmental agencies to determine grant amounts.
- By HUD to determine housing needs.
- By local communities to determine the need for schools or businesses.

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